

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 319

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members and coaches of the Knoxville Catholic High School Lady Irish basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Division II-AA state championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary group of young athletes is the Knoxville Catholic High School Lady Irish basketball team, whose members have all proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and truly worthy of admiration by winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division II-AA state championship; and

WHEREAS, capturing the program's first state title, Knoxville Catholic defeated defending state champions Ensworth High School by a score of 64-59 in the championship game held in Cookeville at Tennessee Technological University on March 4, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Knoxville Catholic was led by tournament MVP Sydney Mains, who was joined on the all-tournament team by teammates Amaya Redd and Jazmine Williams; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Lady Irish basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student athletes, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship season but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Knoxville Catholic Lady Irish basketball team for serving as exemplars of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members and coaches of the Knoxville Catholic High School Lady Irish basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Division II-AA state championship and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.